

IN THE CLAIMS:

A2 8. (Amended) The improvement of claim [8] wherein the waveguide is flat and is associated with a rear lens for reading light passing through the waveguide to monitor coupling efficiency and beam quality.

Please cancel claim 13.

Please cancel claim 14.

A3 13.15. (Amended) [The waveguide of claim 13] A waveguide comprising:  
a front ramp with associated lens end for receiving light,  
a rear ramp with associated lens for transmitting light out of said waveguide,  
a planar portion having first and second parallel planar surfaces for transmitting light from  
the front ramp to the rear ramp so as to transmit light received at the lens associated with the front  
ramp through the lens associated with the rear ramp, and  
wherein the waveguide is made from an optical plastic, and the front ramp is angled away from the planar portion's plane at a mean angle of from about 15° to 32°.

Please cancel claim 18.

**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed November 2, 1999, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-19 are currently pending. Claims 1-12, 16, 17 and 19 are allowed. Claims 13-15 and 18 stand rejected. Claims 13-14 and 18 are to be canceled. The claims are to be amended as previously set forth. All amendments (including any claim cancellations) are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

L Applicants would first like to thank the Office for the acknowledgment of the patentability of the allowed claims.

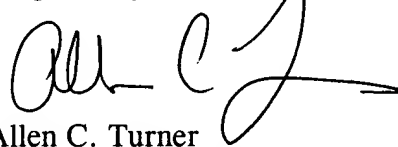
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Concerning rejected claims 13-15 and 18, claims 13, 14 and 18 are to be canceled without prejudice, thus mooting that portion of the rejections. Claim 15 was rejected for being dependent upon a rejected base claim and has been rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

#### Conclusion

In view of the amendments, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted



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